

House Resolution 173

By: Representative Day of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Crisis Intervention Team; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, mental illness is a serious medical condition that affects children, adolescents,
3 adults, and the elderly; and

4 WHEREAS, in response to the need for Georgia's law enforcement officers to better
5 understand and deal with issues arising from persons with mental illness, the Georgia Crisis
6 Intervention Team (CIT) program was developed in 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, the CIT program trains law enforcement officers to effectively and humanely
8 handle children and adults in psychiatric crisis and to seek community services for them in
9 lieu of incarceration when appropriate; and

10 WHEREAS, over 2,400 law enforcement officers from 150 law enforcement agencies in
11 Georgia have received CIT training since 2004; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia CIT program is recognized by the National Alliance on Mental
13 Illness (NAMI) as one of the largest, most effective CIT programs in the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, in recognition of Georgia CIT's commitment to citizens suffering from mental
15 illness, Georgia CIT was the recipient of the International Association of Chiefs of Police
16 2008 Civil Rights Award in the Multi-Agency Team Award category; and

17 WHEREAS, the Crisis Intervention Team is a partnership of governmental agencies, private
18 organizations, and businesses including: the Atlanta Alliance on Developmental Disabilities;
19 Atlanta Police Department; Clayton County Community Service Board; Clinic for the
20 Education, Treatment and Prevention of Addiction; Consumer Representative; DeKalb
21 County Magistrate Court Judge; Georgia Department of Human Resources; Emory
22 University School of Medicine; Freeman, Mathis & Gary, LLP; Georgia Association of
23 Chiefs of Police; Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Georgia Department of Corrections;

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24 Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice; Georgia-Pacific Corporation; Georgia Public Safety
25 Training Center; Georgia Sheriffs' Association; Georgia State Patrol; Grady Memorial
26 Hospital; Integrated Health Resources/Behavioral Health Link; King & Spalding LLP;
27 National Alliance on Mental Illness - NAMI Georgia; Georgia State Board of Pardons and
28 Paroles; Association County Commissioners of Georgia; and Carter Center.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body join in commending the dedicated leadership of the Georgia Crisis
31 Intervention Team and recognizing Georgia CIT for its outstanding achievements in
32 excellence.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the advisory board of the
35 Georgia Crisis Intervention Team.